

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed February 13, 2007. The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. Upon entry of this response, claims 3-20 are pending in the present application.

First, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 10 and 12 contain allowable subject matter. On page 3, the Office states that the arguments filed on 9/1/06 were considered persuasive and therefore, the prior art rejection of claims 3-20 have been withdrawn. The Office Action further states that *"Claims 10 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office Action."*

In the present Office Action, claims 3-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. The Office Action states on page 2 that independent claims 10 and 12 recite the feature, "the derivatives" and that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this feature in the claim. In response to the §112, 2nd paragraph rejection, Applicants have amended claims 10 and 12, as indicated above, to overcome this rejection.

Furthermore, the Office Action points out that claims 13-20 recite the "The method" in the preamble while claim 12 (from which claims 13-20 depend) recites "A program storage device . . ." in the preamble. In response to this rejection, Applicants have amended claims 13-20 to recite "The computer readable medium as recited in claim . . ." in the preamble.

Finally, Applicants have amended claim 11 to correct a minor typographical error. Applicants submit that in light of the amendments, the §112 rejection should be withdrawn and claims 3-20 should be allowed as indicated on page 3 of the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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